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September 19, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

FEDERAL REPORT FOR EQUITABLE SHARING OF
FEDERAL FORFEITED PROPERTY
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the attached Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement and the Federal Annual Certification Reports for Equitable Sharing of Federally Forfeited Property.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Counties and certified task forces are required to submit a Federal Annual Certification Report as a prerequisite to receiving any asset forfeiture revenues equitably shared by the Federal Government.

Federally shared asset forfeiture revenues received as a result of the Sheriff's Department law enforcement actions are deposited in the Sheriff's Narcotics Enforcement Special Fund. This fund supports various programs directed toward enforcement of laws governing controlled substances.

Federally shared asset forfeiture revenues received as a result of the Task Force Regional Autotheft Prevention (TRAP) are deposited in the Innovative Vehicle Antitheft Prevention Fund which is handled by the Sheriff's Department. In the past, TRAP received in excess of \$10,000 of federally forfeited assets. Federal regulations require a task force which receives in excess of \$10,000 to file such reports.

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Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This request conforms to Los Angeles County Strategic Plan Goal No. 4 for fiscal responsibility, strengthening the County's fiscal capacity, by seeking any eligible funding, in addition to County funds, in order to deliver services to the citizens of Los Angeles County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

None. Anticipated asset forfeiture revenues are included in the Fiscal Year 2003-04 adopted budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

Federal regulations require a participant in the Federal Equitable Sharing Program to have the head of its governing body sign the attached documents.

On December 1, 1998, the Board directed the Auditor-Controller to review the State and Federal revenues and expenditures of the Narcotic Enforcement Fund yearly. The Auditor-Controller will conduct a review of both funds having received shared federally forfeited assets. In the review, the Auditor-Controller will examine a sample of disbursements to ensure compliance with governing federal regulations.

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The Auditor-Controller will also reconcile the revenues and expenditures that will be reported in the Federal Annual Certification Report to the Countywide Accounting and Purchasing System.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

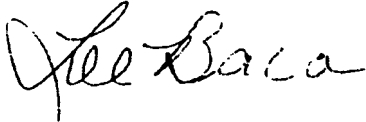
Approval of this request will allow for the uninterrupted receipt of revenue anticipated in the adopted budget. No other County Departments are impacted by this request.

CONCLUSION:

Upon the Board's action, a certified copy of the Board Letter, containing original signatures, should be forwarded to the Sheriff's Department's Administrative Services Division.

The Sheriff's Department contact for the requested Board action is Judi E. Thomas, Assistant Director, Fiscal Administration, at (323) 526-5251.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leroy D. Baca". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Leroy" and last name "Baca" clearly distinguishable.

LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF